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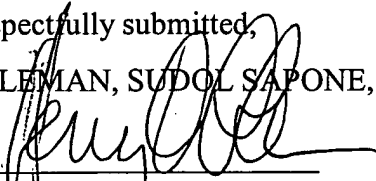
After amendment, claims 1-26 and 31-32 remain pending in the present application. Claims 27-30 were canceled previously pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement. Claim 1 was amended previously *without prejudice*. Applicants file this amendment to clarify the acetylenic chemical structures which appear in claims 1 and 31, respectively. Applicants note that they may wish to file a divisional application directed to subject matter which has been cancelled from the instant application, including subject matter which is based upon the acetylenic moiety.

Support for the amendment to the claims can be found in the original application and claims. The amendment to the claims simply provides an alternative structure for the same chemical structure originally claimed, in order to more clearly present the claimed compounds.

The Examiner has rejected previously filed claims 1-26, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have addressed this rejection by virtue of modifying the chemical structures in each of claims 1 and 31. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants have neither cancelled nor added any claim. No fee is due for the presentation of the instant amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due or to credit any overpayment to deposit account 04-0838. The Examiner is cordially requested to call the undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephonic discussion may materially advance the prosecution of the instant application in any way.

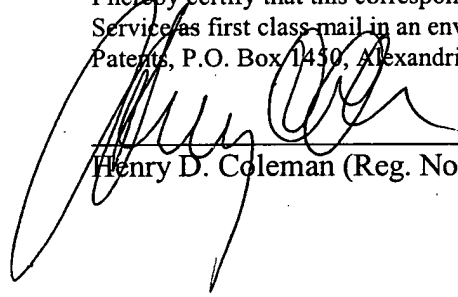
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